

Further, although a number of different arrangements of markings or lines for use on construction boards have been described herein, the present invention is not so limited and may be applied to other arrangements of markings or lines for use on construction boards.

Although preferred embodiments of the present invention and modifications thereof have been described in detail herein, it is to be understood that this invention is not limited to these embodiments and modifications, and that other modifications and variations may be effected by one skilled in the art without departing from the spirit and scope of the invention as defined by the appended claims.

What is claimed is:

1. A relatively thin frame covering panel adapted to be attached to a number of supports, said panel having at least two sides in which at least one of said sides includes a number of marks for facilitating the attaching of said panel to said number of supports, wherein said number of marks are arranged in substantially parallel lines having a distance of 2 inches or less therebetween and in which said lines are placed from one end of said panel to an opposite end thereof in a direction transverse to the extent of said lines.

2. A panel according to claim 1, wherein marks of a first set of lines have a first characteristic and marks of a second set of lines have a second characteristic in which each of a plurality of lines in said second set is adjacent on either side to a line in said first set.

3. A panel according to claim 2, wherein the first characteristic is a first color and the second characteristic is a second color.

4. A panel according to claim 2, wherein the first characteristic is a solid line and the second characteristic is a dotted line.

5. A panel according to claim 1, wherein said panel is a piece of gypsum board.

6. A panel according to claim 1, wherein said panel is one of plywood, plyscore, and particle board.

7. A panel according to claim 1, wherein said distance has a value of 1 inch or less.

8. A relatively thin frame covering panel adapted to be attached to a number of supports, said panel having at least two sides in which at least one of said sides includes a number of marks for facilitating the attaching of said panel to said number of supports, wherein said number of marks are arranged in first and second sets of substantially parallel lines in which the lines of the first set have a distance of 2 inches or less therebetween and run in a first direction and are placed from a first end of said panel to a first opposite end thereof in a direction transverse to the extent of said lines of said first set and in which the lines of the second set have a distance of 2 inches or less therebetween and run in a second direction perpendicular to said first direction and are placed from a second end of said panel to a second opposite end thereof in a direction transverse to the extent of said lines of said second set.

9. A relatively thin frame covering panel adapted to be attached to a number of supports, said panel including a side having a number of marks arranged in a plurality of substantially parallel lines in which one or more of said lines being adapted for facilitating the attaching of said panel to said number of supports, wherein said lines have a distance of 2 inches or less therebetween and in which said lines are placed from one end of said panel to an opposite end thereof in a direction transverse to the extent of said lines.

10. A panel according to claim 9, wherein said panel is a piece of gypsum board.

11. A panel according to claim 9, wherein said panel is one of plywood, plyscore, and particle board.

12. A panel according to claim 9, wherein marks of a first set of lines have a first characteristic and marks of a second set of lines have a second characteristic in which each of a plurality of lines in said second set is adjacent on either side to a line in said first set.

13. A panel according to claim 12, wherein the first characteristic is a first color and the second characteristic is a second color.

14. A panel according to claim 12, wherein the first characteristic is a solid line and the second characteristic is a dotted line.

15. A panel according to claim 9, wherein said distance has a value of 1 inch or less.

16. In a method for fabricating a relatively thin frame covering panel adapted to be attached to a number of supports, the improvement comprising the step of fabricating said panel to include a side having a number of marks arranged in a plurality of substantially parallel lines in which one or more of said lines is adapted for facilitating the attaching of said panel to said number of supports and in which said lines have a distance of 2 inches or less therebetween and in which said lines are placed from one end of said panel to an opposite end thereof in a direction transverse to the extent of said lines.

17. A method according to claim 16, wherein said distance has a value of 1 inch or less.

18. A relatively thin frame covering panel adapted to be attached to a number of supports, said panel including a side having a number of marks arranged in first and second sets of substantially parallel lines in which one or more of said lines is adapted for facilitating the attaching of said panel to said number of supports, in which the lines of the first set have a distance of 2 inches or less therebetween and run in a first direction and are placed from a first end of said panel to a first opposite end thereof in a second direction perpendicular to said first direction and in which the lines of the second set have said distance of 2 inches or less therebetween and run in said second direction and are placed from a second end of said panel to a second opposite end thereof in said first direction.

19. A panel according to claim 18, wherein said distance has a value of 1 inch or less.

20. In a method for fabricating a relatively thin frame covering panel adapted to be attached to a number of supports, the improvement comprising the step of fabricating said panel to include a side having a number of marks arranged in first and second sets of substantially parallel lines in which one or more of said lines is adapted for facilitating the attaching of said panel to said number of supports, in which the lines of the first set have a distance of 2 inches or less therebetween and run in a first direction and are placed from a first end of said panel to a first opposite end thereof in a second direction perpendicular to said first direction and in which the lines of the second set have said distance of 2 inches or less therebetween and run in said second direction and are placed from a second end of said panel to a second opposite end thereof in said first direction.

21. A method according to claim 20, wherein said distance has a value of 1 inch or less.

Please add the following new claims:

--22. (New) A relatively thin frame covering panel adapted to be attached to a number of supports, said panel having at least two sides in which at least one of said sides includes a number of marks for facilitating the attaching of said panel to said number of supports, wherein said number of marks are arranged in substantially parallel lines having a distance therebetween which is substantially the same and different from a distance between an edge of the respective one side and the parallel line nearest thereto and in which said lines are placed from one end of said panel to an opposite end thereof in a direction transverse to the extent of said lines. --

--23. (New) A relatively thin frame covering panel adapted to be attached to a number of supports, said panel having at least two sides in which at least one of said sides includes a number of marks for facilitating the attaching of said panel to said number of supports, wherein said number of marks are arranged in substantially parallel lines having a distance which has any value up to 2 inches therebetween and in which said lines are placed from one end of said panel to an opposite end thereof in a direction transverse to the extent of said lines. --

--24. (Amended) A relatively thin frame covering panel adapted to be attached to a number of supports, said panel having at least two sides in which at least one of said sides includes a number of marks for facilitating the attaching of said panel to said number of supports, wherein said number of marks are arranged in first and second sets of substantially parallel lines in which the lines of the first set have a distance of any value up to 2 inches or less therebetween and run in a first direction and are placed from a first end of said panel to a first opposite end thereof in a direction transverse to the extent of said lines of said first set and in

which the lines of the second set have a distance of any value up to 2 inches or less therebetween and run in a second direction perpendicular to said first direction and are placed from a second end of said panel to a second opposite end thereof in a direction transverse to the extent of said lines of said second set.--

--25. (Amended) A relatively thin frame covering panel adapted to be attached to a number of supports, said panel including a side having a number of marks arranged in a plurality of substantially parallel lines in which one or more of said lines being adapted for facilitating the attaching of said panel to said number of supports, wherein said lines have a distance which has any value up to 2 inches or less therebetween and in which said lines are placed from one end of said panel to an opposite end thereof in a direction transverse to the extent of said lines.--

--26. (Amended) In a method for fabricating a relatively thin frame covering panel adapted to be attached to a number of supports, the improvement comprising the step of fabricating said panel to include a side having a number of marks arranged in a plurality of substantially parallel lines in which one or more of said lines is adapted for facilitating the attaching of said panel to said number of supports and in which said lines have a distance which has any value up to 2 inches or less therebetween and in which said lines are placed from one end of said panel to an opposite end thereof in a direction transverse to the extent of said lines. --

--27. (Amended) A relatively thin frame covering panel adapted to be attached to a number of supports, said panel including a side having a number of marks arranged in first and second sets of substantially parallel lines in which one or more of said lines is adapted for facilitating the attaching of said panel to said number of supports, in which the lines of the first set have a distance of any value up to 2 inches or less therebetween and run in a first direction

and are placed from a first end of said panel to a first opposite end thereof in a second direction perpendicular to said first direction and in which the lines of the second set have said distance of any value up to 2 inches or less therebetween and run in said second direction and are placed from a second end of said panel to a second opposite end thereof in said first direction.--

--28. (Amended) In a method for fabricating a relatively thin frame covering panel adapted to be attached to a number of supports, the improvement comprising the step of fabricating said panel to include a side having a number of marks arranged in first and second sets of substantially parallel lines in which one or more of said lines is adapted for facilitating the attaching of said panel to said number of supports, in which the lines of the first set have a distance which has any value up to 2 inches or less therebetween and run in a first direction and are placed from a first end of said panel to a first opposite end thereof in a second direction perpendicular to said first direction and in which the lines of the second set have said distance which has any value up to 2 inches or less therebetween and run in said second direction and are placed from a second end of said panel to a second opposite end thereof in said first direction.--